Leasing of aircrafts by AI and IA

935. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines propose to invite bids for dry leasing 4 planes each;

(b) if so, the details of the plans for deploying the leased aircrafts; and

(c) by when the proposals are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease.

(b) These aircraft will become part of the total operating fleet and will be deployed on the route network of the airlines.

(c) Quotations received from various parties would need to be examined and evaluated before the recommendations are put up to the Board of Directors of Air India Limited and Indian Airlines Limited.

Transfer policy in AAI

936. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the transfer policy of Airports Authority of India particularly in NAD;

(b) whether it is a fact that this policy is not properly implemented in the Communication Wing as so many officers posted in one station for prolong period while they are due for transfer;

(c) whether it is a fact that to some extent the seniority list is not being properly maintained; and

(d) whether many officers have been transferred and some of them not been transferred; if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The transfer policy of Airports Authority of India (AAI) stipulates that except in cases of transfers to tenure stations,

the officers and staff shall not normally be transferred from one station to another station in the region before he^he completes a minimum period of three years at that station and from one region to another region before he-She completes five years in that region. However, Group 'D* staff may not be normally transferred except on reduction of establishmemvadministrative reasons.

Transfers are made in accordance with seniority in stay at station in the region. Exemption are, however, granted on children education ground twice in the entire service career, when the employees' sons/daughters are in the 10th42th class and to persons who are within 5 years of reaching the age of superannuation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During the transfer season 2000, a total of 252 officers have been transferred in communication discipline.

Construction of new Airports

† 937. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to set up new airports with a view to reduce the traffic congestion at the airports situated in the various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have so far taken any decision in this regard; and

(c) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) ConstructiotVupgradation of airports to reduce the traffic congestion at various airports is an ongoing process keeping in view the demand and availability of resources. Government has approved, in principle, the proposals of State Governments for construction of new airports of international standards on joint venture basis with private participation at

† Original notice of ihe question was received in Hindi.